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SUBJECT: WOLFF REPORT ON NARCOTICS

1. CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF'S REPORT ON THE NARCOTICS SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, BASED ON HIS TRIP TO THE FAR EAST IN JANUARY, WAS RELEASED BY THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON JULY 26 (COPIES BEING POUCHED).

2. THE SECTION ON HONG KONG IS MODERATE IN TONE COMPARED TO THE EARLIER BRADY AND FREY REPORTS. WOLFF SAYS THE BNDD STAFF IN HONG KONG IS "NOWHERE NEAR ADEQUATE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG." HE FURTHER STATES, "UNTIL RECENTLY, U.S. AGENTS OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER WERE NOT RECEIVING THE TYPE OF COOPERATION FROM BRITISH OFFICIALS THAT WOULD YIELD THE MOST EFFECTIVE RESULTS."

3. WOLFF NOTES THAT HONG KONG AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE SEVERAL NOTABLE SEIZURES IN RECENT MONTHS AND THAT THE HK NARCOTICS BUREAU IS OF VERY HIGH QUALITY. HE ALSO

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GIVES A FAIR DESCRIPTION OF SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN

DEALING WITH THE DRUG PROBLEM IN HONG KONG.

4. WOLFF EXPRESSES SPECIAL CONCERN OVER THE NUMBER OF
DRUG-RELATED DEATHS IN 1972 AMONG AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN

HONG KONG. IN VIEW OF HIS CONCERN, WOLFF SHOULD BE
PLEASED WITH THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO DEAL WITH
THIS SITUATION.
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